GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2866
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NATIONLISATION OF YAVATMAL-MARTAJAPUR-ACHALPUR RAIL LINE
UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Yavatmal-Martajapur-Achalpur metre gauge line is being run by a foreign company;

(b) if so, the reasons for not nationalising the route so far;

(c) the details of other lines which are being run by foreign companies;

(d) whether there is any proposal to convert Yavatmal-Martajapur-Achalpur rail line into broad gauge; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) No, Sir. These narrow gauge rail lines are owned by The Central Provinces Railways Company Ltd., which is an Indian company, incorporated under the then Indian Companies Act.

(b) The question of nationalisation/purchase of these lines by the Central Government is regulated interms of an Agreement entered into with the owning company, which provides for a review after every ten years. The last purchase option was exercised in the year 1996 when it was decided not to purchase the lines but to continue the existing arrangement on financial considerations as the same would have entailed heavy capital investment on upgradation and proper integration of these unremunerative lines with the main Indian Railways system.

(c) Nil.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.